

A SOLDIER BOY

Writes From the Philippines and Takes Occasion to Give

ANTI-EXPANSIONISTS A RUB

Says the Filipinos are Not Fit for Self-Government — Where "Old Glory" is Once Planted, Let it Not be Hauled Down—The War in Luzon is Over, and the Seventeenth Took a Prominent Part in the Campaigns.

Elmer Stewart, of 949 Chapline street, has received the following interesting letter from his friend and old comrade, Harry C. Hess, of the Seventeenth Volunteers, the regiment, by the way, to which Sergeant Ernest G. Smith, of Martin's Ferry, belongs. The letter is dated March 3, Bymang.

This much-talked-of, as well as much condemned war, is over; we occasionally have a little brush with Ladrones (robbers), who conceal themselves and generally attack our supply train. They, however, are soon put to flight with very little loss on our side, while it costs them severely.

Since you left us at San Fernando, we have covered over a hundred miles in advance on the north. We have traversed the country from Manila to the coast. Therefore, you can imagine our feelings now, when we go to bed, as we are not fired on at all hours of the night, as was practiced at Fernando and elsewhere.

The dear old Seventeenth has been on the firing line ever since we arrived in Manila, which is now very nearly a year. We have participated in every fight or advance of any importance that has taken place here on the north line.

The rainy season kept us back at San Fernando until August 5, when the entire division advanced lines to Angeles, a distance of ten miles. Here again we lay inactive, our progress being impeded by the rain. The rain continued a downpour until November 5. Having abated to some extent, we were ordered to prepare for a general advance. In the meantime we had lost Colonel Powell, and Lieutenant Colonel Smith, of the Twelfth United States Infantry, was promoted colonel of the Seventeenth United States Infantry. Having Colonel Smith in command we could expect fighting and before we finished up the ordeal, fighting we got. That is such fighting as the Filipinos are capable of doing. In this general and last advance, we struck no 121 Caney nor San Juan, a thing that pleased me very much.

I would like to call your attention to a few facts relative to the people in the states, known as anti-imperialists. I cannot for the life of me understand what these people mean. I cannot help but believe they are good, honest citizens; men who mean to do the right thing by the government, as well as themselves, but I think they are good citizens misinformed. I would to God these people could see and judge the situation as I can, or as it really is, and not from distant America. I am positive they would altogether change their minds. To use the words of General Lawton, "to be killed by a bullet from a Filipino gun, it might just as well come from one of our own men," as the war is simply prolonged by the sympathy extended to the Filipinos by the anti-imperialists in the states. I will simply state that the words used by General Lawton are the sentiments of the Eighth Army Corps.

These people are no fighters; that has been demonstrated time after time. They never had an organized force larger than a thousand men. It is true they had plenty of men with arms, but where were they? Bushwhackers, playing a hide and seek game; fire a few volleys, then run, or if you catch them unawares they will simply don the white garb of an Amigo, (friend), or hide their rifles and put up the white flag. This was all tolerated by our large-hearted Americans; no true soldier will fire on the white flag, but when it is used to promote the welfare of the enemy, then I say, as an American soldier, fire on it.

You know in war it is not the number of men killed in battle, but it is the hardships and privations that kill the men. Then do not these so-called anti-imperialists see the error of their way? Do they not think it is wrong to encourage these semi-civilized people who

constantly shoot down our soldiers? Do they think of the young men who left good homes, left the influence of noble mothers and pure society, bid farewell possibly, for the last time, to loved ones to go afar off to fight for his common country and flag? These bright sons of America are those who have borne the burden in the heat of the day; these are the men who have suffered the hardships and privations of a severe campaign. They have marched through jungles and swamps, and slept in bamboo shacks filled with all manner of contagion. These are the men who stood on outpost duty dark nights while Aguinaldo and his half-civilized followers were rejoicing over speeches made by anti-imperialists. These poor boys went to the hospital broken down by disease, contracted by the exposure of the rainy season. Yea, gone to the hospital never to come back again.

Others more fortunate, have stayed on the line to see that the man whom Mr. W. J. Bryan compares with George Washington will not gain any foothold over the flag that knows not defeat by a foreign foe, while others are shot down by the enemy, who are constantly speaking of the great Democratic party who are going to give them their liberty after the election of 1900.

Do not these people in America, if they are sane, realize that the blood of these poor boys is on their hands? Speak to them about such a thing, and they will put up a howl about free speech, I believe in free speech, but I think the word in their sense of putting it, is abused as badly as the word colonel, when it is applied to W. J. Bryan, the leader of the Democratic party of today. Some of these people tell how competent the Filipinos are to govern themselves, and if they would admit the truth, they never knew anything about the islands until Admiral Dewey sank the Spanish fleet there, May 1, 1898.

These people are no more fit to govern themselves than the North American Indian. They do not know the first principle of civil government. All they know is to steal from their neighbor, and if he complains, beat him the first opportunity that presents itself.

Again the cry goes up by the anti-imperialists, or, in other words, the Democratic party, that we are trying to rule these people without the consent of the people. That is nonsense. Let us recall a few instances of history to prove to the people that expansion is the proper thing. The Democratic party has prided itself in Jefferson, the father of the Democratic party. Jefferson was an expansionist, the strongest nature. In the evolution of a hundred years the presidency has reached the dignity and power desired by Washington, but denied by all his contemporaries, except Hamilton. The possibilities of the chief magistracy were discovered by Jefferson when he surrendered constitutional scruples for national safety by the purchase of Louisiana. They started the country when General Jackson seized the sovereign state of South Carolina by the throat. Was this done by the consent of the inhabitants?

The necessities of the situation in our island protectorate and possessions have devolved still greater duties and graver responsibilities on President McKinley.

The President of the United States is now the most powerful ruler in the world, but only as the executive of a free people, to whom every four years he surrenders his office and prerogatives.

American rule is just what these people want in order to amount to anything. Was there not a great kick by some concerning the acquisition of Texas, and New Mexico? Yet we annexed them even at the cannon's mouth and without consulting the inhabitants of either. Have they not proven valuable territory?

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Then let us stand by the President, he who is bearing all these grave responsibilities without a murmur. Let us hold up his hands, and as true Americans stand by the administration, the most successful we have had since that of Lincoln.

It is our duty to keep the Philippines, and where "Old Glory" once floats let her never come down.

HARRY C. HESS,

Corporal, Company E, Seventeenth U. S. Infantry.

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HUMANE SOCIETY WORK

First Annual Report of the State Society Shows the Extent of the Work Done—The Good Accomplished is a Source of No Little Pride.

The first annual report of the West Virginia Humane Society is a most interesting document. It was received and adopted at a meeting of the society Monday night. It was presented by President C. B. Graham and Secretary C. J. Rawling, and is as follows:

With this, the March report, closes the first year of the operations of this society as a state institution.

The work accomplished by the local organization during this time has been reported monthly to the society's state officials somewhat in detail, sufficient, it is believed, to fully inform them of the character of the work done here, and of what it embraces. The result of much of these efforts will only be disclosed by the future; lasting and wide spread benefits, we think, cannot fail to follow upon this work. What is apparent, however, it is believed, will justify the conclusion that our state legislators acted wisely in enacting a law making a state organization of what had been a local society only, and making an appropriation to carry on the work as such, and judging from what has been accomplished any doubts that may heretofore have been entertained as to the policy of the state leading assistance to this work should be removed. A state organization of what had been a local society only, and making an appropriation to carry on the work as such, and judging from what has been accomplished any doubts that may heretofore have been entertained as to the policy of the state leading assistance to this work should be removed.

A slight examination of the work done will disclose, even to the indifferent and thoughtless, much suffering alleviated, and many of the wrongs placed in position that can but lead to their final elevation; thus far tending to the depletion of the ranks of the law breakers, and of those on the road to destruction. It will also show that limited in extent as to territory embraced so far, enough can be shown to convince all that were those operations confined to this one district, through the alleviation of physical distress among the aged and helpless, the removal of those of tender years from temptations and allurements, by which they have been surrounded and influenced probably all their lives; from paths leading to disgrace and ruin, and from all that present for the future only a life of shame; to say nothing of the amelioration of the condition of animals, the state would be amply repaid for the comparatively small expenditure, and the society, the dispenser of this benevolence and guardian of the fund, be given credit for the curative disbursements of it, and the great work accomplished through its instrumentality.

It Afforded Charity.

By some onlookers, it will probably be charged that in relieving the distress of people of middle age, who ordinarily are, or ought to be, able to help themselves, but who, through untoward circumstances, misfortune, or accident, have become temporarily unable to do so, the society is giving such a helping hand has touched upon the field of operations, or preserves, of some other benevolent or charitable association. To a certain extent this may be true, but in determining this, it should not be overlooked that in many cases relief to this society is giving such a helping hand has touched upon the field of operations, or preserves, of some other benevolent or charitable association. To a certain extent this may be true, but in determining this, it should not be overlooked that in many cases relief to this society is giving such a helping hand has touched upon the field of operations, or preserves, of some other benevolent or charitable association.

The society having but one paid official, the agent, labors under the disadvantage of having no officer to superintend and direct the operations of the agent, and the conduct of the work generally. Properly organized, the society should work under the supervision and should at all times be subject to the secretary's orders. This would require too much of the time and too close attention to ask of any one, at all fitted for the position of secretary, without compensation. The duties of the last mentioned official, according to the by-laws of the organization, provides for just such supervision, involving much of his time; he, therefore, is daily evading these provisions. The present acting secretary has refused the position of secretary, because of the amount of work attached to the office, to fully comply with the requirements of the by-laws. There appears to be no remedy for this, as the amount of dues received from the membership will not nearly meet the incidental expenses, which are largely met by contributions from friends.

The incorporation by the state may not be drawn on for the purpose, hence it follows that the organization is not equipped with the necessary officials or these officials are not clothed with the power to enable them to perform their duties properly. In order to insure the best results, in order to secure the full cooperation of the society, it is suggested that the officers of the state society be elected, and that the restrictions placed upon them, by reason of the conditions as to the use of the fund appropriated and in their hands, exercise any supervision of the district officers, to the work of the society is left to manage, to be active and diligent in looking after the interests of the society, if so directed, or the reverse of this, if so directed; subject only to the secretary of the board of directors, in which case, as stated before, the board, and the laborious work done by the board, worrying with details that ought to be settled by the proper executive officer, deterring, no doubt, many members of the board from attending the meetings on this account.

and to the slightest of other business, probably of equal or more importance. A Defective Feature.

It nevertheless is plain that this is a defective feature of the organization, but it is probable that until it can be plainly shown that there is a very large amount of work to be done by the society, in addition to that already being prosecuted, no provision will be made to compensate an official as herein suggested, and probably not even then. Your attention is thus called to this subject, not with the expectation that you will supply a remedy, as that is deemed impossible at present, but only for the purpose of explaining some short comings, or seeming neglect of duty, if there be such, and doubtless there has been, on the part of the official referred to. An important matter connected with the conduct of the work here, which has been presented to the board of directors and by them discussed, without, however, any action being taken, owing, apparently, to the absence of sufficient data upon which to base a decision; this is the village allowance by the several counties to the official in charge of those being taken to the reformatory, asylums or homes. It is believed generally that the allowance is more than sufficient to meet the necessary expenses of such trips, and that the surplus should be turned into the treasury. It is probable that there will be an increase along this line, and the question will become, in consequence of more importance, hence the urgency for a prompt settlement of it.

For the board to act intelligently in this matter there should be required of the agent a full report of his expenses on the several trips he may make, and the allowance made by each by the county, with the dates to make them clear, and with the necessary vouchers. It can thus be determined whether it be wise to change the contract under which the agent is now engaged and working, and allow any excess, if there be such, to him as a perquisite, or to turn over such surplus to the treasurer, or to prohibit him making the trips altogether. The necessity of the official making these trips to pay cash for fares and incidental expenses, to await the slow action of a board or court for payment should figure on the one hand; while the loss of time by the agent to the society, on the other hand should be taken into consideration.

Additional Legislation.

If legislation could be secured to admit of the society sharing in the fines obtained through the agency of its officers, it would be of decided advantage to the association, both in respect to replenishing the treasury, and having this incentive, increase the number of arrests, thereby adding to the importance of the work and respect for the agent, resulting in less cruelty in consequence. To facilitate the work of the secretary and to present to any interested in the work, particularly in correspondence with other societies, or even individuals, evidence that this branch of the organization is in a fairly prosperous condition and abreast of the times; stationery in the way of letter paper, envelopes and blanks for reports for the secretary's office should be provided. The absence of these very necessary articles has often had an influence rather of a detrimental or, at least, depressing character in conducting correspondence, or in responding to requests for information.

Finally—To the president of the local organization and the members of the board of directors, who have been so faithful in attendance at the meetings, and for the interest displayed by them for the success of the work, and to our kind friends, Messrs. White & Allen, for furnishing an office for the monthly meetings of the board, the thanks of the society and indeed of the entire community are due. While these are not likely to take form or be rendered in any substantial manner, the several individuals of the board referred to, who can appropriate these remarks, have the consciousness of knowledge, that they have performed a duty, high in character, at no little personal sacrifice, and have done something for the betterment of their fellow creatures, and the alleviation of the inferior animals. The dividend on an investment of this character may be deferred a long time, but it is sure to be declared in the reform, the change in the aims and purposes of life, the turning of others from perhaps a life of shame into paths of honesty and respectability, literally "plucking the brand from the burning" is reward enough to compensate for the efforts put forth by the society.

The Work Summarized.

A summary of the work performed by this branch of the state organization is here attached and is a part of this report. The membership can, with no little pride, point to the work accomplished. Total number of cases investigated, or relief extended, or secured by the society and its agent was 783, embracing the following, to-wit: Nine women sent to homes, 4 men sent to homes, 16 persons sent to county infirmary, 15 persons helped on route, 97 adults relieved, 1 woman sent to insane asylum, 1 pair of dogs, 8 boys arrested, 1 boy removed from street, 5 women arrested, 10 men arrested for cruelty, 5 men imprisoned for cruelty, 60 girls, severity of whose employment was relieved, 14 girls sent to State Industrial Home, 22 girls sent to public homes, 19 boys sent to State Reform School, 12 minors provided with privates, 29 minors, 115 minors relieved from want and cruelty, 19 children sent to local children's homes, 4 boys imprisoned for vagrancy, temporarily, 415 horses relieved from cruel usage, 10 mules relieved from cruel usage, 5 lots of cattle relieved from cruel usage, 3 calves relieved from cruel usage, 4 lots of hogs relieved from cruel usage, 2 lambs relieved from cruel usage, 64 lots of poultry relieved from cruel usage, embracing hundreds of coops, 11 inferior animals and 10 horses and 3 dogs shot. C. B. GRAHAM, Pres. C. J. RAWLING, Acting Secy.

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